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THE WEATHER:

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## WITHDRAWAL OF HUERTA IS ONLY DELAYED

Dictator Would Abdicate With Dignity, Washington Hears

REBELS AGAIN WOULD ENTER CONFERENCE

Representatives of Carranza Talk Over Prospects of Peace Plans

Washington, May 27.—Official despatches sent from Mexico City and received at a diplomatic source here today say the "withdrawal" of Huerta is "possible" and that it is being delayed by the necessity of arrangements to permit the dictator to abdicate with dignity.

Representatives of the constitutionalists have taken steps today to re-open the question of representation at the Niagara mediation conference.

John Lind and J. C. Douglas, legal representatives of the constitutionalists, held what was termed a neutral conference today and later in the day they will see Secretary Bryan. Neither Mr. Lind nor Mr. Douglas would disclose under what conditions the constitutionalists were willing to participate. What sudden turn in the negotiations had brought about the new attitude of the Carranza group was not disclosed.

Instructions to American Consul Echeverre at Juarez to furnish the state department with additional information to complete the record as far as possible in the case of Gustav Baugh, the American railroad mechanic arrested by the constitutionalist authorities at Juarez, February 18 last, and who later disappeared, was the foundation for a report that the department is about to re-open the case and also the Benton case.

The purpose was explained today as being to close it up by procuring the few fragments of information still available regarding his disappearance from the Juarez prison. There is no known intention of making any fresh representations at this stage, although without doubt the Baugh case will figure in the final adjustment of claims to be preferred against the Carranza government.

Secretary Bryan cancelled his engagement to speak before the arbitration conference at Lake Mohonk because he did not feel he ought to be away from Washington at this time, he said.

Recurring published reports of the impending abdication of Huerta received much attention in official circles and in the diplomatic corps.

## CONSTITUTIONALIST AGENT IS ARRESTED

San Francisco, May 27.—Rafael Ariza, also known as Fernando Palacios, who was reported to have come here as the agent of Constitutional General Obregon to purchase vessels and military equipment, was arrested yesterday.

The complaint alleges that Ariza was Obregon's agent here for two years, that he had received \$7,150 from Obregon, that he had refused an accounting of the funds and that he is believed to have appropriated \$4,000 to his own use.

## A. & B. Co. Appeal From Relief Board In Superior Court

The hearing in the action brought by the American & British Co. against the City of Bridgeport was resumed this morning before Judge Tuttle in the superior court. This action is an appeal from the Board of Relief in refusing to reduce taxes on the company's plant in East Bridgeport. President Boardley of the company was on hand today with ledgers he had been unable to produce at a previous hearing. He claims the valuation placed on the company's property is excessive.

Judge Tuttle reserved decision.

## CHATLOS MCCARTHY LAWSUIT SETTLED

The suit of William F. Chatlos, a local builder, against George T. McCarthy, which has been engaging the attention of Judge Tuttle in the superior court for two days, was settled out of court this morning. Terms of settlement were not announced. Chatlos built two houses for McCarthy and the latter claimed the work was not done according to specifications. He held back \$1,000 on the payments and the suit resulted. After considerable testimony was heard, the parties reached an agreement.

## EUGENE OATLEY WANTS DIVORCE FROM LAZZIE

Papers were filed in the superior court today in divorce proceedings brought by Eugene Oatley of this city against Lizzie Oatley of this city. Habitual intemperance is the ground. The couple were married December 30, 1889. Mrs. Oatley's maiden name was Lizzie Lawson.

## FRANK MILLER NAMED FOR SINKING FUND COMMISSION

Mayor Wilson today named Frank Miller to succeed David P. Read as a member of the sinking fund commission.

The destruction of the 1914 wheat crop in New Jersey is threatened by the Hessian fly, which has made its appearance again after an interval of some years.

## POLICEMAN WILL RECOVER SIGHT

Policeman Frederick L. Feeley has been in danger of losing the sight of his right eye as a result of a frolic with a youngster in the neighborhood of his home nearly two weeks ago. They were playing with a bamboo stick when it sprung back, the sharp end entering Feeley's eye and cutting through a part of the eye ball.

Dr. William H. Curley has been attending him with Dr. H. S. Miles, eye specialist, in consultation. The latest reports are that the eyesight is expected to be saved although it will be some time before Feeley is able to return to duty.

## MAN WHO BEGAN SIEMON PROBE MAY TESTIFY

George Pratt Expected to Be Witness in DeMartino Inquest

With George Pratt, former employee of Carl Siemon in this city and now a rival manufacturer in Springfield, Mass., as the probable star witness, a resumption of the inquest into the death of John DeMartino will be begun at the county court house at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

It was not known definitely that Pratt will be on hand, but he has signified his willingness to appear and has given this date as the time when he will return from a trip to Chicago. His testimony is looked forward to with the greatest interest, as it is known that he was instrumental in bringing the present renewed investigation about.

It is not believed that other witnesses connected officially with the Siemon case will appear, although it is in the determination of criminal responsibility. Coroner Phelan denied that he was aware that any new witnesses to the Siemon case had been secured by the detective working upon the case and also believed that Neilson, the other member of the Siemon automobile party, had not been located and asked to come to this city.

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## TAXPAYERS RUSH TO AVOID PENALTY

After June 1 a penalty of 9 per cent. interest will be added to all tax bills unpaid and therefore Howard F. Smith, the tax collector, has arranged to keep his office in the city hall open from 7:30 to 9 o'clock each evening in addition to the regular hours from 9 until 4 o'clock during the daytime. On Saturday, which is a legal holiday, the collector will keep the office open from 9 in the morning until 4 in the afternoon.

Collector Smith said that he expected this would be his busiest week and that collections today alone would be more than \$125,000. Up to date Tax Collector Smith has received \$55,550 or little more than one quarter of \$212,850, the total amount of taxes due on the lists of 1913. Up to May 16, the collector received and turned over to City Treasurer Managing \$48,950. Since then and up to last night he has received approximately \$138,000.

The largest single payment yet made was the check of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co. for \$22,130.25, which came in a few days ago. One check received today was for \$13,104 and another was for \$5,104. Several days ago the collector received a check of \$20,000 from a single tax payer.

## Fannie Crosby Writes Poem to G. A. R. Post

Fannie Crosby, the blind hymn writer, has prepared an original poem eulogizing the members of Elias Howe Jr. post, No. 3, G. A. R., which will be read by Past Commander-in-Chief Alfred B. Beers at the Memorial Day exercises at the Soldiers' monument, Saturday, June 6. The poem is an attachment to the poem because it is probably the last which Miss Crosby will dedicate to the Grand Army.

The Memorial Day committee of Elias Howe post will meet tonight at Grand Army headquarters to perfect plans for the Memorial Day parade.

## "We Love Our Bosses" Club to Give Bake

A number of male assistants to city officials met in the Elks home last night and formed an organization which will be known as the Assistant City Officials Association. The purpose of the club is to perpetuate in the city the tradition of the members as assistants and the motto adopted by the club was "We Love Our Bosses." Leo J. Whalley, clerk in the probate office, was chosen president; Clarence E. Winton, assistant town clerk, vice-president; Bernard Keating, Jr., clerk in the auditor's office, secretary and Frank Smith, clerk in the city clerk's office, treasurer. John H. Dowling, assistant clerk of the board of assessors and Richard Sheridan, assistant tax collector were named with the officers as a board of governors. Only male clerks in the city offices will be admitted to membership. The officers will arrange to give a clambake shortly.

—Frank Krostak, 325 Hancock avenue, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff John M. Donnelly today on a statutory charge and locked up at police headquarters.

## COMMANDER HUGHES AT VERA CRUZ WITH ADMIRAL BADGER



Vera Cruz, May 27.—Commander Charles F. Hughes is taking a prominent part here in the naval operations on the Mexican east coast. He is a commander of marines under Admiral Badger and participated in the capture of Vera Cruz. Commander Hughes was stationed on the flagship Wyoming until the craft was ordered into drydock for repairs.

## STRATFORD IS HOT AFTER MOTORISTS WHO BREAK LAWS

Constables Land Bridgeport Men Who Run Without Tail Lights

Stratford wants more red lights on motor cars and they propose to have them even though transient sojourners from Bridgeport may like to travel in the dark. For the purpose of obtaining the needed illumination, the highways swarm on Sunday and other nights with deputy sheriffs and constables armed with the authority of the law and having eyes like owls for the detection of any motor car that may be silently trying to creep through the town without obeying the ordinance and state laws.

On Sunday last, Bridgeport was well represented in the round-up which netted a considerable amount of money to the local Parkways. There was one who gave his name as Alderman Frank J. Clancy, Bridgeport, and an occupant in the car from Providence. They were apprehended by Constables Barnum and Palmer and the charges which caused them to deposit \$10, in the court, was driving without the rear light lighted.

Shortly afterwards, Charles W. Elwell drove through in the same manner and came through on Monday before Judge Peck with a fine \$1 and costs, which aggregated about \$15 before the constables completed itemizing.

Among the occupants of another car which was told to diminish speed was Attorney Frederick B. Fallon of this city, whose driver, George Mathewson, was told to appear in court but, after listening to the fines being imposed, decided to have his case continued until another session. The request was granted.

Stratford is becoming a rock of shipwreck to automobilists whose vigilance is not constantly upon their speed and lights and with the number of constables posted on every highway the utmost care is being used by drivers.

## STREETS COMMITTEE TO MEET TONIGHT

There will be a meeting of the streets and sidewalks committee of the common council tonight to consider a number of routine matters. The question of recommending the laying of the "warrentite" or other bituminous pavement on some streets in the West End and the East Side will be postponed until before the meeting of the common council on Monday evening, June 1.

The council fire department committee will meet tomorrow night and the claims committee on Friday night.

## Nichols Man Loses Home In Flames

Much sympathy is being extended Alexander Marshall of Nichols whose home was totally destroyed by fire on Saturday afternoon. It is believed the fire originated in a defective flue. Mr. Marshall was away at the time and when his wife discovered the fire it had burned from the attic into the second story.

Neighbors who were attracted by sight of the flames were able to render some assistance beyond getting out some articles of furniture that were on the lower floor of the house. Mr. Marshall is a thrifty man who has worked hard to establish his little home and therefore his destruction means a severe loss to him.

## GUADALAJARA CUT OFF BY REBEL ARMY

On Board U. S. S. California, Maxatlan, Mexico, May 26.—Via wireless to San Diego, Cal., May 27.—The first stage of the siege of Guadalajara has been accomplished by the constitutionalists with the interception of all communication between that city and the capital.

Information reached the American fleet today that the constitutionalists had cut the railroad lines to Yuracuario.

## FOLK CONFERS WITH LAWYER FOR MORGANS

Insists That Examiners of Firm's Books Shall Not Be Hampered

New York, May 27.—For more than an hour today, Joseph W. Folk, chief counsel for the interstate commerce commission, conferred with Francis Lynde Stetson of counsel for the firm of J. P. Morgan & Company, concerning Mr. Morgan's offer to allow the commission to examine the firm's records relating to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

A statement issued by Mr. Folk after the conference indicated that there had been some difference of opinion as to what papers and records should be gone into. Mr. Stetson left the conference apparently with this feature not finally determined. It is understood that he will report to Mr. Folk later.

"We insist," said Mr. Folk, "that the examiners shall decide for themselves what books and papers of the firm relate to the New Haven and we also insist that these examiners shall not be confined to books and papers handed in and said to be all that relate to the New Haven road. In other words, the examination, to amount to anything, must be thorough. We want all the books and papers or none."

"The results will show," said Mr. Stetson, briefly.

## MRS. SETH B. JONES DIES SUDDENLY

News of Unexpected Demise Reaches Here By Telegraph

DECEASED, DAUGHTER VERMONT EDUCATOR

Husband, Until Recently, Conducted School for Youths in Park Ave.

The many friends of Emily Clarissa Yates, wife of Seth B. Jones, will be pained to learn of her death which occurred suddenly yesterday at Erie, Penn. Brief telegrams from Mr. Jones to his daughter, Mrs. Mary H. Billings of this city, and to his brother, Nathaniel H. Jones, today announced the fact of Mrs. Jones' demise and that the body would be brought to this city for burial tomorrow. The telegrams contained no mention of the cause of death and as relatives here had no intimation until today that Mrs. Jones was even in ill health, the news came as a distinct shock. Mr. Jones and his daughter, Mrs. Billings, left for Erie today to accompany the body back to Bridgeport.

Mrs. Jones was 71 years of age and was the daughter of Prof. Yates who formerly conducted a school in Connecticut street here and later at Bennington, Vt. Mr. Jones was at one time an instructor in this school and after a romantic courtship he married the daughter of his father-in-law. Some of the most prominent families in Bridgeport were pupils at the school.

Mr. Jones, the husband of the deceased, for 40 years conducted the Park Avenue Institute in this city. Last fall he met with financial reverses and closed the school. Since then the Jones have not resided here. Besides her daughter, Mrs. Billings, Mrs. Jones' is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Edward Taft, wife of the proprietor of the Castle Inn at Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Jones had recently been visiting with their daughter in Buffalo and had returned to Erie but a few days ago.

Mrs. Jones was a member of the South Congregational church and during practically all her life had been active in church work. She took little interest in club life but during her residence here took a prominent part in charitable work and entered quietly into many of the exclusive social events.

The body will be brought to the home of her brother-in-law, Nathaniel H. Jones, 1789 Noble avenue.

## INJURED SILBERT BOY STILL UNCONSCIOUS

But little change is noted today in the condition of nine-year-old John Silbert, son of Mrs. Julia Silbert of 609 Hancock avenue, who is at Bridgeport hospital with a fractured skull as a result of being struck by an automobile Monday afternoon. The boy is still unconscious and the chances of recovery are said to be about even with the likelihood that he will die.

## PASTOR TELLS OF TALK WITH ALLEGED SLAYER

Accused Woman Made a Strange Statement About the Murder

BELIEVED PRAYERS SERVED HER ONCE

Would Endanger Her Life If She Told, Is Witness' Testimony

Putnam, May 27.—What is regarded by the state as important evidence, was given by Rev. Axel E. Elmquist, Swedish minister at Woodstock, at the resumption today of the trial in superior court of Mrs. Amanda W. Lawson, on a charge of manslaughter for the death of her husband, Jonas P. Lawson, at their home in East Woodstock last August. The state alleges that the woman beat her husband to death, using a club and axe after a quarrel over some debts.

Rev. Mr. Elmquist testified to going to the Lawson home to give Mrs. Lawson spiritual counsel, and of telling her she ought to tell of her life with her husband.

Mrs. Lawson replied, "they might think it a cause for murder. I hope God will forgive me if I die before-hand," she added, according to the witness. Mr. Elmquist could not explain what she meant by this latter remark.

He said the conversation was all in Swedish and that was the only way he could translate it. Mrs. Lawson said that the Swedish people had been praying for her, according to the witness, and when the grand jury freed her after her first arrest, she had stated that their prayers had been answered.

She had told him she was willing to furnish money for the purpose of tracing the murderer but, said the witness, after the grand jury had failed to indict her, Mrs. Lawson, when reminded of her promise, declined to furnish the money on the ground that "it would be putting money into their hands" to get her again.

Clause Hagstrom, appraiser of the estate of Jonas P. Lawson, testified that he said to Mrs. Lawson that the Swedish people "would side with her" when they were satisfied as to who the murderer was. He told her, he testified, that she was alone in the house and should know who committed the crime. Her reply was, according to Hagstrom, that if she should tell it would endanger her life.

The state has one more witness, Dr. M. M. Scarborough, of the Yale Medical School and Medical Examiner of New Haven, who was to testify as an expert as to the stains on the various exhibits introduced by the state. Dr. Scarborough, who has been called before recess but was delayed in reaching Putnam.

## Former Local Barber Here From California

Euclidean Forest, Now of Pomona, Talks Interestingly of the Golden West

Euclidean Forest for many years engaged in the barber business in Fairfield avenue is here renewing acquaintances for a few days preceding his departure for California. He has been away from here for seven years and during that time has passed most of the years in Pomona, Calif., where he was engaged in the strawberry business. For two years he made his home in Los Angeles which is 32 miles from Pomona. The fruit crops this season were six weeks ahead of time and before Mr. Forest left home he developed strawberries were selling six quarts for a quarter. The country adjacent to him is famous for its crops of apricots, strawberries, lemons, figs, English walnuts and alfalfa.

Mrs. Forest remained at home to look after the business. Mr. Forest whose health was not robust when he left here is now the picture of health and he announced that nothing could induce him to return here to stay permanently. In addition to his barber business he conducts a real estate business which has developed quite successful. Mr. Forest married Josephine Pathode, a native of this city, and sister of William Pathode who still resides here. He is a member of the local lodge of Elks and plans to reach Denver in July in time to attend the grand reunion.

## Want Finger Prints Of Trolley Employes To Solve Robbery

Unless the police find other evidence to whom the men were who rifled the safe in the cashier's office in the Congress street barns last Saturday morning, employes of the company will be forced to go through the ordeal of having their finger prints taken and compared with those found upon the door knob of the safe by the police. Detective Sergeant Haux, who took the photograph, has developed them and has compared them with those of many of the most notorious of the yeggmen in the country, without result.

In this way the police believe that they can sift to the bottom the supposition of the New Haven officials that one of the gang committing the robbery was an employe.

## Board of Education May Give Four Days Notice To Contractors

Facing Brick For New High School Rejected As Culls--Plumbing Contractors Will Not Be Permitted To Delay Work--Many Applicants For Job As Inspector On New High School

Unless the Board of Education decides to appoint a committee to consider the details of the work upon the new high school at least one member of the board will refuse to undertake the onus of affairs thrust upon him, if not asked to be relieved from further duties as a member of the board.

That dispute after dispute has arisen between the contractors, subcontractors and others connected with the work became officially known today, when Vice-President Elmer Havens was compelled to admit that at one session held in his office from 8:30 in the morning until late in the afternoon he was compelled to give the disputing contractors 15 minutes to adjudicate their differences and draw \$1,247 out of a Bridgeport bank as his share. Mr. Havens has been importuned to look into various matters.

That James Gumbel Rogers, the architect, whose work of supervision by Inspector George Nichols is praised by the board, is a man of high character and has been in conference last night or this morning with Durkin & Laas with a view towards imparting the board's order that the work progress smoothly or that four days' notice to quit be accepted, became known today.

Arrangements have already been begun to force Gibson & Company to begin plumbing work, or another contracting firm substituted, so that the work will progress.

While members of the board deny individually that they are "clerk of the works," it is admitted that W. H. R. DuBois, former building commissioner, Fred J. Hornberger, a civil engineer of the New Haven, and M. Purdy, James J. Fitzpatrick, Gerald Phelan, nephew of Coroner J. J. Phelan, William Shaughnessy, Duncan Nairn and E. S. Whitford are among the applicants whose names have been submitted to various members.

Part of the dissatisfaction that has arisen over the present contractors is over the position of inspector, not so much by the disputes arising with sub-contractors and others employed as by the quality of bricks sent to this city. George Nichols, an efficient inspector for Rogers, in a letter dated May 16th, two days after the arrival of the facing bricks in Bridgeport, announced the condemnation of the material and later stated that "they were inferior in every respect and in his opinion were nothing but culls."

William B. Boardman, secretary of the Board of Education, today admitted that there are many applicants for the position of inspector. He was not aware of the wording of the Gibson contract, and though he believed a special meeting of the board might be called at any time to consider high school matters, was unaware of the date. He expressed the board's implicit confidence in the way Architect Rogers is handling affairs.

Rogers could not be located today for a definite statement upon the plumbing controversy and as he has

admitted that there were many disputes as yet fully settled between Durkin & Laas and New York. He

to the knowledge of the board and it is believed that an effort is made to dislodge Miss Durkin's firm from this work, she will contest to the very end. That this matter has already been the subject of talks between Miss Durkin and Rogers was admitted.

## HENRY SETZER'S DEATH DISTINCT LOSS TO CITY

Public Spirited Citizen, Who Took Much Interest In Welfare of Bridgeport, Succumbs, Following Protracted Ailment

Member of Fine Old German Family, He Passed Most of His Busy Life in This City Where He Acquired Large Holdings of Real Estate.—Rendered Valuable Service as Member of Apportionment and Park Boards.

Henry Setzer died yesterday at his summer home at Twin Lakes, following an illness which baffled medical science. He had been long and though at times delirious, he was not without a refusal of blood, he rallied and apparently appeared to be greatly benefited. He is said to have been the first Bridgeporter to take the new form of blood transfusion which differs much from the old practice of opening an artery and allowing the fluid to pour in from the body of another.

The deceased was a native of New York city, where he was born June 17, 1856, one of the sons of Henry and Helen Setzer, descendants of fine German stock. The early years of his life were passed in his native city, where his education was obtained in the public schools. Shortly after attaining his majority he came to this city, where he engaged in the market trade, opening a modern store in the then St. John's Hall block which stood upon the present site of the post office. Being a young man of initiative and fine business perception, he soon built up a trade that made the enterprise most prosperous. Need

for more adequate accommodation to meet the growth of the business, compelled him to change his location and he secured the spacious store in Main street, near State street, where Steinert & Sons' music store is now located. There the business continued to prosper and later he purchased the brick block in State street, north side, just west of Broad street, and transferred the business there.

All the intervening years he gave to the business his personal supervision and Setzer's market was known far and wide as one of the most reliable and modern in the state. Much of the time he had for his associates in the enterprises, his brother, Bernard, and it is safe to say that no two brothers ever expended their devotion to each other. When Henry retired from the active management of the market business some years ago, Bernard continued to supervise it.

Henry Setzer was perhaps the most successful business man in his line this city had known. Early in his business life here he came to be known as one whose word was law.

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